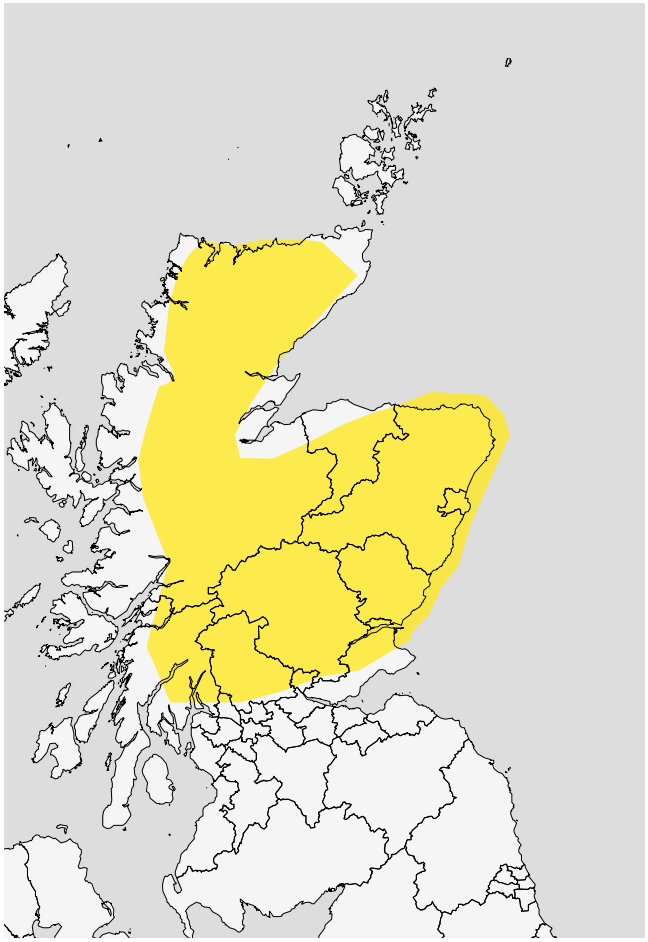
Yellow warning
Rain & Snow

Between
06:00 Wed 27 Dec 2023 and
21:00 Wed 27 Dec 2023



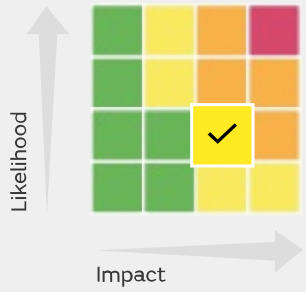
Heavy rain and snow associated with Storm Gerrit may result in disruption, potentially affecting, for example, travel and power supplies.

What to expect

- Spray and flooding could lead to difficult driving conditions and some road closures
- There is a chance that homes and businesses could be flooded, causing damage to some buildings
- There is a chance of travel delays on roads with some stranded vehicles and passengers, along with delayed or cancelled rail and air travel
- Some upland rural communities could become cut off
- There is a chance that power cuts will occur and other services, such as mobile phone coverage, may be affected

Further details

A band of heavy rain and hill snow will move northeast across Scotland on Wednesday. At low elevations (roughly below 200 metres) this will fall mostly as rain, with 20-30 mm quite widely and perhaps as much as 50-70 mm in some locations. At higher elevations (roughly above 200 to 300 metres) snow is expected, with 10-15 cm likely to accumulate, particularly on southeast-facing hills, affecting some higher transport routes. Additionally very strong southeasterly winds will accompany the rain and snow, leading to blizzard conditions on the highest routes, and perhaps also ice build-up on some power lines and other structures over high ground.



Low likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

A separate wind warning is in force for much of this area.

Conditions should improve across the south of the warning area by mid-afternoon and then across north Highland during the evening.

What should I do?

Check if your property could be at risk of flooding. If so, consider preparing a flood plan and an emergency flood kit.

Give yourself the best chance of avoiding delays by checking road conditions if driving, or bus and train timetables, amending your travel plans if necessary.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

Snowy, wintry weather can cause delays and make driving conditions dangerous, so to keep yourself and others safe: plan your route, checking for delays and road closures, amending your travel plans if necessary; if driving, leave more time to prepare and check your car before setting off; make sure you have essentials packed in your car in the event of any delays (warm clothing, food, water, a blanket, a torch, ice scraper/de-icer, a warning triangle, high visibility vest and an in-car phone charger).

People cope better when they have prepared in advance for the risk of power cuts or being cut off from services and amenities due to the snow. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

Be prepared for weather warnings to change quickly: when a weather warning is issued, the Met Office recommends staying up to date with the weather forecast in your area.

Reason for update

The warning area has been expanded a little further west, and the probability of impacts has been increased. The end time has been brought forward, and a reference added to the expected improving conditions through the afternoon in the south of the warning area. Mention of additional high-ground hazards has been made.

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Central, Tayside & Fife

Angus Clackmannanshire Dundee Fife Perth and Kinross Stirling

Grampian

Aberdeen Aberdeenshire Moray

Highlands & Eilean Siar

Highland

Strathclyde

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